

DANGER OF FLOOD IS OVER BUT ICE MAY PROVE PERIL

Mississippi and Rock Rivers Recede During the Night as Gorges Below Rock Island Break.

TWO FAMILIES ARE DRIVEN OUT

West End Factory District is Affected and Mill and First Streets are Submerged From Slough.

Danger of violent flood conditions in Rock Island passed during the night with both the Mississippi and Rock rivers lowering as ice gorges broke. Authorities on river conditions say that only one danger survives and that from the ice. They believe, however, that the peril from this source will not be great.

Yesterday morning the Mississippi receded one-tenth of a foot, registering at 14 feet above low water. During the afternoon it swelled two-tenths of a foot and at 6:30 the gauge showed it at 14.2 feet, the highest it has been this season. Last night it receded again, and this morning it was 12.8 feet above low water. River authorities said that they were of the opinion that it would continue falling.

Rock river reached its highest at noon yesterday, and then the ice gorge at its mouth broke and it receded about three feet. During last night it lowered about four inches and today is at about the same stage that it was Monday, 20 feet above low water.

The ice gorge at the mouth passed out into the Mississippi river and danger that the bridges would be menaced is passed. There is a gorge opposite the Watch Tower. It is piled against the head of Carr's Island last evening, but during the night passed down the river. At some points the ice is about twelve feet above the level of the water and while it may cause some trouble it is thought that the chances are greater that it will pass into the Mississippi without damaging any property.

Families Driven Out.
Two families residing on Mill street were driven from their homes and the entire west end factory district was affected by high water yesterday afternoon. Conditions were relieved today when the Mississippi receded.

The Rock Island Bridge and Iron works was forced to shut down a part of its factory at noon yesterday and 30 men went home at noon. This was due to water which covered the floor on one side of the plant. The water had passed out of the building today and the workmen were back at their tasks.

In some places Mill street is flooded to a depth of more than a foot. The whole trouble is due to the slough in that section of the city. The slough is connected with the Mississippi and as the river rises the slough swells. Water in this section is lower than yesterday and today was thought to be receding so that further trouble is not looked for.

First street between Fifth and Eighth avenue is flooded and some of the other roadways in that part of the city are covered with water. Yards appear as small swamps.

Exactly what condition will follow when the rest of the ice moves out of the Mississippi is problematical. North of this city the Mississippi is clear. From a point a short distance from the Rock Island government bridge to Tenth street the ice has broken, but the river is not open. At the foot of

Tenth street the ice remains as yesterday, gorged in the middle of the stream. Around the bend, from where the river turns south, the stream is open for a distance of six miles. The channel, 100 feet wide, is clear and the ice has been gorged on the Iowa shore.

The first gorge below this city is at Peterson's Island. As soon as this gorge breaks it is expected that there will be a further lowering of the stream.

The Davis Power plant has suffered considerable damage through the high water, but as soon as Rock river recedes it will require but a few days' work to repair the trouble.

Rock river is clear with the exception of a few gorges about fourteen miles from its mouth.

The present ice is hard while in the spring of the year in past seasons when the ice moved out it was soft. The ice piled against the Milwaukee depot was being hauled away today.

Dr. C. T. Foster, city health physician, reported this morning that the basement of the newly remodeled detention hospital in the west end of the city was flooded yesterday by the high stage of the water in the Mississippi. Although the fire in the furnace was extinguished the water did no material damage. Stoves were used to heat the rooms last night.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IN CITY

Rock Island Association Will Not Relinquish Lead to the Davenport Y. M. C. A.

Last fall the Rock Island Y. M. C. A. pushed its membership up to the highest point in its history, and took first place in the tri-cities, insofar as membership is concerned. And now the Davenport association comes along with a project to beat Rock Island's splendid record.

A campaign has been started in Davenport, where the association has 1,150 members, to raise the mark to 1,500 this week. The Rock Island association has a little more than 1,300 members just now, but if Davenport succeeds in its avowed purpose, Rock Island will have to take second place. This is not to be tolerated for a minute, and the local association men are taking steps to protect themselves.

Friday of this week is to be "round-up" day for the Rock Island Y. M. C. A. Tomorrow night, a large company of workers will meet for supper, to lay their plans, and on Friday, they will strike out to bring in a couple of hundred members in the one day, so as to keep the lead over Davenport. Men who have been members in the past, and have allowed their membership to lapse, will be urged to get in again, and thus help to save the day. Those who are not and have not been members will be dealt with earnestly in an effort to show them that they really must be members of the local association. All men and boys will be invited, so far as the workers are able to reach them, to join the association and enjoy its benefits, and uphold the standard of Rock Island.

The time for preparation is short, and the time allotted to the campaign is still shorter, but with a lot of enthusiastic workers on the job it can be done. Every man or boy who is willing to help Rock Island stay in the lead should either bring in his own membership or secure some other member without delay. This is the only way to prevent Davenport from walking away with the honors.

People's Pulpit

Crete, Neb., Jan. 25.—Editor of The Argus: Thinking that this may be of sufficient interest to publish, coming from an outsider, I am taking this means of informing those of a contrary opinion that I have found the Rock Island detention hospital to be a model institution of its kind. Under the supervision of City Physician Dr. Foster and the management of Attendant T. R. Stombs, and with his sanitary and up-to-date fixtures it is an institution of which the city of Rock Island may well be proud. My recent confinement places me in a position to state this.

L. JELINEK.

STORE EMPLOYEES TENDERED FEAST

Young & McCombs Give First Annual Banquet to Clerks on Third Floor of Establishment.

McINTYRE IS THE TOASTMASTER

After Five-Course Dinner Speakers Are Heard and Dancing Is Enjoyed Till a Late Hour.

The first annual dinner of the employees of the Young & McCombs department store was held last night on the third floor of the building, where more than one hundred and fifty young women and men feasted upon a bounteous dinner, and were regaled with the wit and humor of W. B. McIntyre.

Mr. McIntyre, as toastmaster, introduced the speakers of the evening in his delightful style and had the crowd in high spirits before the social affair was half an hour old. After a five-course dinner served by Harry Higgins, Mr. McIntyre asked Miss Bessie Kilpatrick to sing. Miss Kilpatrick rendered "I Love You Truly" in a most pleasing manner and roused her auditors to enthusiasm by her rich voice.

In introducing the various speakers Mr. McIntyre lost no opportunities to add to the pleasure of the evening and held each of them to an enthusiastic response. Mr. McCombs spoke briefly, but in his forceful manner, on the need of continued cooperative work among all the various members of the store's family.

Messrs. Eason and Spoor brought out several excellent points on store service and industrial salesmanship, and what these meant to a store and its customers. Carl Truedson told several amusing stories and gave some interesting data concerning the past year's business, which was larger than the previous year and then in a few well chosen remarks, told about the plans for this year.

Mr. Best Cheered.

L. P. Best was the last speaker, and he carried the guests to a high pitch of enthusiasm when he said that he wanted them to all have as good a time as he had had, and for them to enjoy themselves with dancing. He was cheered and greeted by numbers waving napkins when he finished. After the speaker had finished the crowd sang "It's a Long Long Way to Tipperary," while everyone helped to clear away the tables and prepare the floor for dancing.

Baumann's orchestra played during the dinner and afterwards for the dancers. The dancing continued until a late hour, when the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" and slowly fading lights, gave the signal for the closing of a most enjoyable and appreciated event in the social life of the many employees and their friends.

OLD TAR HAS BAD CRUISING ON SEA

Puts Out Thrice, But Is Always Tugged Back Into the Safe Haven at the Police Brig.

"Yo ho, and a bottle of rum," sang Frank Haley on Second avenue Sunday. 'Twas stormy and the decks rolled and pitched as he made his way along the thoroughfare. And Frank Haley, good sailor that he was, leaned over the curbing and plunged into the gutter so strong was the storm. The kindly patrolman piloted him into a safe haven at the police brig.

Monday morning the old tar put out to sea again with warning from police that he should steer his good ship clear of all bars or he would possibly encounter another gale. Mere blue coats couldn't tell Sailor Haley anything about marine dope, and he laughed, just as though he didn't know anything about sailing the briny blue.

But he struck the bars and he hit a gale and again Monday a kindly patrolman tugged him back into safe port at the station where he had a chance to put his vessel back into "condish" and dry the rigging.

So yesterday morning once more he put out to the briny, and laughed at the admonitions of the coppers. But the bars were there and he struck a storm, and just as he was listing dangerously near destruction he was piloted back into the haven of the police brig.

This morning he let out the white sails again and drove into the tossing seas. His journey was short. Over night more bars had settled and another bad storm came up. He was tugged into port two hours after leaving and perhaps he will be taken down to the county jail where he will be given a chance to remain in port for a few weeks until the sea becomes less stormy.

Haley hails from the west coast and declares he is a sailor.

HOG PILFERER HELD TO THE GRAND JURY

Muscatine, Jan. 26.—About fifty interested spectators, one time friends and neighbors of Hugo Meier, accused of having stolen 10 hogs from August Mueller, in Fulton township, were keenly disappointed this morning when Meier, on being arraigned before Justice Coster, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the April term of the grand jury under \$1,500 bail, in default of which he was remanded to the county jail.

A large crowd of curious farmers from Fulton disembarked from the interurban yesterday morning and crowded into Judge Coster's court

room. They were packed in the room so tightly that not another person could have been accommodated, and when Meier waived hearing and was sent back to jail a high of disappointment swept through the assembly.

While Meier admits that he stole the hogs in question, as well as some porkers belonging to William Illian, his plea of not guilty was just a formal entry, made in compliance with the statutes.

SET NEW MARK IN TAX COLLECTIONS

Over \$4,000 Taken in at Russ' Office in First Four Days As Against \$810 in 1915.

The amount taken in the first three days at the office of Ernest Russ, Rock Island county tax collector, 315 People's National bank building, exceeds all former records, a total of \$4,094.80 being received. For the first three days last year only \$810.38 was collected. Most of the money paid in so far this year has been on personal taxes and this feature has proven very gratifying to Mr. Russ. The tax office was opened three days earlier this year, and the office is kept open from 8 to 12 in the mornings and from 1 to 5 in the afternoons. About the middle of February the office will be open Saturday evenings. Following is the amounts collected the first three days this year and in 1915:

Jan. 22	1916.	\$ 693.70
Jan. 24		2,852.49
Jan. 25		518.61
Total		\$4,094.80
Jan. 22	1915.	\$234.72
Jan. 24		249.07
Jan. 25		326.59
Total		\$810.38

CAR THIEVES ARE FOILED BY ROAD

Forced to Abandon Auto When They Drive It Into Mud Hub Deep and Police Recover Machine.

If this story were written a few years from now it probably would be told in a different way, for then Rock Island county roads may all be improved. The moral of the tale might be that bad roads are not always a curse. They proved a blessing to Guy C. Bear, 513 Rusholme street, Davenport, last night.

Early last evening Bear drove his car to a saloon on Twenty-fourth street between Third and Fourth avenues. He stopped in the place for a few moments and when he returned to the street the machine was gone. The police were appealed to.

Several hours later the auto was located. It was hub-deep in mud on Twenty-ninth street near Eighteenth avenue. Police had to get a team of horses to release it. Authorities say that the thieves may have planned to make away with the machine and that they were frustrated when the car got stuck in the mire.

FAMOUS CLUB HOLDS ITS FINAL BANQUET

Chicago, Jan. 26.—The Twentieth Century club, which has entertained royalty, leaders of radical thought in literature and politics, authors, scientists, all men of international repute, since its organization 27 years ago, will pass out of existence today with its final banquet.

Other organizations of Chicago, officials of the club said, have so effectively served the purpose for which the Twentieth Century club was organized, that its continuance was no longer necessary.

Charles Dudley Warner, Sir Henry Civing, John W. Foster, former secretary of war, Guglielmo Ferrero, Italian historian, Count Anglo Bernat, Italian scholar, and Sir Ernest Shackleton, south pole explorer, are among the men who at times have been guests of the club.

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Bill Kahle the Second.

William F. Kahle of The Argus linotype force reported for duty today carrying a box of cigars and a smile that almost necessitated his passing through the doors of the building sideways. It's a boy. The young gentleman arrived at the Kahle home last night. He weighed in at 10 pounds. Speaking of national preparedness, Bill maintains he is doing his full duty.

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ROSS DESCRIBES TRIP INTO SOUTH

Noted Lecturer to Appear Before the Broadway Club—Writes Local Friend of Travels.

The story of the expedition made by Dr. E. A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin, when he visited South America to study its people and its possibilities, is an interesting narrative.

Dr. Ross, who is to lecture before the Broadway Presbyterian Men's club Friday evening, has written a letter to a citizen of Rock Island in which he explains in rather intimate fashion how he came to make the trip, and gives some of the details of the trip itself. He writes in part as follows:

"In 1911 I decided that when I next took leave of absence from the university I would visit South America, particularly the west coast, which seemed to me more full of interest than the rest. I spent a year and a half in getting good control of my Spanish, and in reading a bushel of books about South America. I then outlined the investigations I was going to make, arranged for a series of articles on South America for the Century magazine, and also with the Century company for the publication of an illustrated book.

"Armed with a sheaf of letters of introduction I struck south of the isthmus, and stopping at the first port, I penetrated 75 miles on horseback to the city of Cali, in the Cauca valley of Colombia. After a fortnight here I took passage in a coasting steamer down to Guayaquil, stopping at a dozen ports in Colombia and Ecuador. Dodging yellow fever and the bubonic plague, which are always in Guayaquil, I got vaccinated for the bubonic, and went up to Quito, during which time I saw the Andean volcanoes at their grandest.

"After a few days there meeting president, ministers and senators, and getting acquainted with the country, I returned to the coast and took a steamer for Callao. I spent a fortnight at Lima, where I found a number of scholars who knew my books, and was given an honorary degree at the University of San Marco, the oldest university in the western hemisphere—a century older than Harvard. I made a trip to the famous Cerro de Pasco copper mines, up 14,000 feet, in the course of which I went over a pass 15,655 feet high, only 150 feet lower than Mont Blanc, the highest point in Europe, and the highest railroad, save by 149 feet, that there is in the world.

"Taking the coast again, I visited southern Peru, ascended to Lake Titicaca, 12,000 feet, went north to Cuzco, the ancient Inca capital, and then

spent a week on horseback visiting Macapiccu, the ancient stone city, unknown even to the Incas, and brought to light by Professor Hiram Bingham of Yale. Returning, I crossed Lake Titicaca, and spent 10 days in La Paz, Bolivia, the highest capital in the world, higher even than Lhasa in Tibet. Then I went to Chila, and through the courtesy of the government, traveled a large part of the length of the country, visiting the wonderful lakes and Andean passes of southern Chile. Once more in Santiago, I pierced the mountains on the trans-Andean, crossed the pampas of Argentina, spent two weeks in Buenos Aires, meeting a number of scholars acquainted with my books, and then making a fortnight's loop, far up into northern Argentina. I returned home by the usual tourist route, Buenos Aires to New York.

"My book deals particularly with races, class relations, women and the family, morals, character, religion, education and government. I have not given particular interest to trade, because hundreds of men are centering their studies on that. I address myself to business men wise enough

to know that you cannot easily make headway in foreign trade unless you know something of the mental background of the people."

This lecture by Dr. Ross, at Broadway church on Friday night, will be a notable occasion, as may be seen by the above. Reservations for the supper should be made at once by men who wish to attend. Hervey E. Curtis will receive such reservations up to Thursday noon.

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